

# 1997-98 SESSION COMMITTEE HEARING RECORDS

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Joint Committee on  
Finance (JC-Fi)

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Sincerely,

Retailer



Name of Store Vista 4-Lump # 7

Employees



Eric Franson

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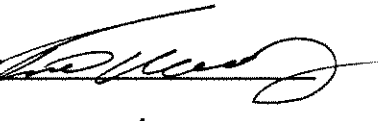
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Name of Store HOLIDAYSTATION STORE

Employees Gloria Blauwach

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Retailer Anna M. Tuckwab

Name of Store Mole Lake Smoke Shop

Employees George Tuckwab II

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Retailer

Paul O'Brien

Name of Store

Paul's Pump N' Pantry

Employees

Candy Carls

Beverly Rolfs

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
79-509 Eagle River WI 79-502  
FOR DEPOSIT ONLY  
PAUL S PUMP N' PANTRY

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Retailer

Terry Martin

Name of Store

Three Lakes Amoco

Employees

Rina Ruiz  
Rosa Sarkas

**THREE LAKES AMOCO**

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Retailer *David Jensen*

Name of Store *Citgo*

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF  
M&I FIRST AMERICAN BANK  
Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-8008  
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FOR DEPOSIT ONLY  
KRIST OIL COMPANY  
QUIK FOOD MART #067  
Three Lakes, WI  
0017506348

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Retailer Bonnie Scanlon

Name of Store Bob's Super Value

Employees Eric & Bob

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF  
M&J BANK OF EAGLE RIVER  
EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN 54521-1089  
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Retailer Thomas T. Fermanich

Name of Store T & T Fermanich, Inc.

Employees Fanny Hasenfus

I & T FERMANICH, INC.  
1011 Marinette Ave.  
Marinette, WI 54143

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Retailer

*Michael Adu*

Name of Store

*Mike's Market*

Employees

*Sharon Huss*

### MIKE'S MARKET

1225 Pierce Ave  
Marinette, Wis. 54143  
715-735-3518 FAX 715-735-0292

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Retailer

Name of Store

Employees

Stephanie Son

Seguin's Amoco Food Shop  
1240 Marinette Avenue  
Marinette, WI 54143

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Retailer

Name of Store

Employees

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**THE STORE - MT67**  
**1604 Marinette Avenue**  
**Marinette, WI 54143**

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Retailer Jannie Schaefer

Name of Store Bargains Only

Employees Linda DeCamp

Joie Mays

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FOR DEPOSIT ONLY  
Schuette's Wholesale  
d/b/a Bargains Only

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*Leland Schabell*

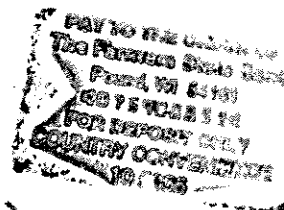
Name of Store

*Country Conv.*

Employees

*Julie Pratt*  
*Joyce Miller*

COUNTRY CONVENIENCE  
Route 3 Box 172D  
Crivitz, WI 54114



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Retailer

Jack Raymond

Name of Store

TOM & Jp's Package store

Employees

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TOM & Jp's Package store

RR 1, Box 8

NIAGARA, WI

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Retailer

Kent Pearson

Name of Store

Huron Lg & Inc

Employees

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Retailer Lisa Carlson

Name of Store Florence 76

Employees FLORENCE, WA

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**LOFSTROM-EDWARDS**  
PENINSULA OIL CO. INC.  
1 SOUTH PARK, P. O. BOX 151  
IRON MOUNTAIN, MI 49801

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Retailer

Chuck Hennich

Name of Store

Best Buy Liquors Inc

Employees

Rick Hennichs

Wendy Lake

Chris Wilson

Jim Hanamann

Paul Hennichs

MARGE HARVATH

PAY TO THE ORDER OF  
Niagara Area Credit Union  
NIAGARA, WISCONSIN  
091901480  
FOR DEPOSIT ONLY  
BEST BUY LIQUOR  
PARTY STORE, INC.  
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Retailer Scott Randen

Name of Store MARCOUILLER'S IGA

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

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**MARCOUILLER'S IGA**  
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Retailer *Ann Malachuk*

Name of Store CITGO 051

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

408 Roosevelt

Niagara, WI 54151

Store # 051

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Name of Store

Employees

PEMBINE FOOD DEPOT

C/O Tim Potterville

W7669 County Z

Pembine, WI 54156

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*Le Fave Oil*

Name of Store

*Le Fave Oil - PEMBINE, WI*

Employees

*Lee Leonard*  
*Mike Russell*

FOR DEPOSIT  
LEFAVE OIL CO.  
BANK NORTH  
8-018-832

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*Rudney Kelly*

Name of Store

*Kelly's Market*

Employees

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KELLYS MARKET  
N17491 HWY141  
PEMBINE WI 54156

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Retailer

*Dennis Trasci*

Name of Store

*Driftwood Sport Shop*

Employees

*2*

**Driftwood Sport Shop  
N15085 US Hwy. 41  
Amberg, WI 54102**



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*Jane Philippe*

Name of Store

*Marathon*

Employees

*15*

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MARATHON MINI MART  
530 HWY 180  
WAUSAUKEE WI 54177

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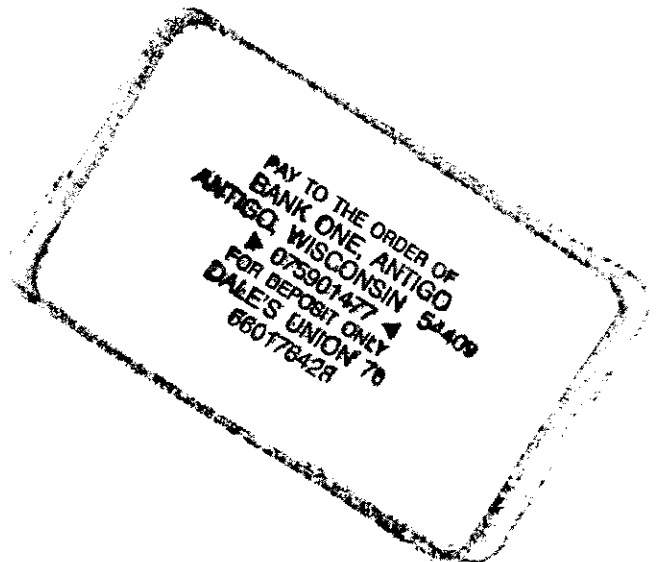
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Name of Store Dale's 76

Employees 4

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Retailer George Runkas

Name of Store George's Self-Service

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

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GEORGES SELF-SERVICE  
4 500 S. Lake  
Crandon WI 54520

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Retailer

Name of Store

Employees

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Star Truck Stop, Inc.  
300 West Glen  
P.O. Box 248  
Crandon, WI 54520

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Retailer Sherry Bailey

Name of Store Citgo 050

Employees April Johse  
9

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
100 W. Pioneer  
Crandon, WI 54520  
Store # 050

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Retailer Carol J. Wagoner

Name of Store Schaefer's

Employees 85

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**Schaefer's Food Mart**  
600 E. Pioneer  
Crandon, WI 54520

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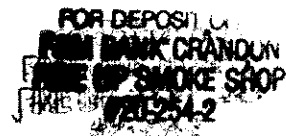
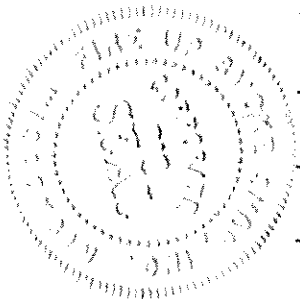
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Retailer Shi C Wang

Name of Store FIRE-UP SMOKE SHOP

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

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Retailer Judith Collins

Name of Store Sparks Store

Employees 10

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**Sparks Food Market**  
P.O. Box 151  
Wabeno, WI 54563

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Retailer J. Brooks, Manager

Name of Store TOWNSEND Amoco

Employees Mary Kay Brasch

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**TOWNSEND AMOCO**  
**KRZEWINA OIL CO., INC.**  
P.O. Box 417  
Townsend, WI 54175-0417

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Retailer Kathryn Quartaro

Name of Store Lakewood Shell

Employees Jim Barry

Liz Barry

Gene Pladek

FOR DEPOSIT ONLY  
LAKWOOD SHELL & SPORTS  
P.O. BOX 125  
LAKWOOD, WISCONSIN 54127

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Retailer D.F. Flynn

Name of Store FLYNN OIL CO

Employees J. Christenson

FLYNN OIL CO.  
BOX 74  
LAKEWOOD, WI 54103  
#2660205

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*Sam A. Olson*

Name of Store

*Olson & Co Mountain Corner Store*

Employees

*Larry Baumgartner*

*Don Jerger*

*Christy Daines*

*Erica Huener*

OLSON & COMPANY  
Mountain Corner Store

P. O. Box 130

13992 Hwy. 32

Mountain, WI 54149

(715) 276-7434

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Name of Store Waterfront

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

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STORE #190036**

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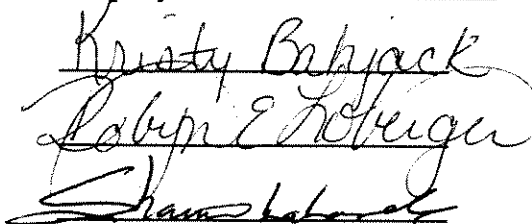
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Name of Store 79 Hosmer Street  
**Marinette, WI 54143**

Employees 715-735-7624





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Name of Store LARRY'S SHUR FINE

Employees Shirley Noe

Charlene Buoltona

LARRY'S SHUR FINE  
1439 Main Street  
Marinette, WI 54143

825

Barb Suller

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Name of Store

*City Quick Mart (Hustail)*

Employees

*Laura J. Lynch*

City Quick Mart 00062  
9002 Hall Ave.  
Marinette, WI 54143